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NSA 'Covers Blown,' Former CIA Agent Says

Disclosure of the tie between the CIA and the National Student Association "has killed all effectiveness of the official American student movement abroad," a former diplomat told the Beacon Journal Wednesday.

The result would be "disastrous," he predicted.

"IT IS already having worldwide repercussions among diplomats and other foreign service officials, as well as among students," the former diplomat said.

He distributed propaganda and gathered intelligence for the U. S. in Vienna while that city was still behind the Iron Curtain in the early 1950s.

He described himself as working covertly for the CIA at the time. Now a foreign affairs analyst, he agreed to talk to the Beacon Journal only if his anonymity would be guaranteed.

"PERHAPS a half a dozen NSA leaders yearly have dealt with the CIA. Many have subsequently gone into Government service, and some even determine America's foreign policy.

"Now each is compromised. As a result of this scandal, these men are now labeled as worldwide paid CIA agents — whether they are or not. They can never again negotiate with anyone or anything. Their value has ended."

"AS IS said in the espionage business: 'Their covers have been blown' — by what is already the story of the year, and may yet become the crux on which American foreign policy changes," the analyst said.

Meanwhile, Akron lawyer Dennis Shaul, a former NSA president, said that "at most, only five top NSA officials, including myself, knew of CIA's relationship to our group."

Most payments were made through seemingly-private foundations, but we knew who supplied the funds."

EARLIER, Shaul had told the Beacon Journal there was

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nothing secretive about the CIA's funding of the NSA.

"I meant that many students belonging to the NSA on 300 campuses across the country felt we had some tie-in with the Government," he explained.

"Of course, none but the four or five top NSA officials really knew the facts."

SHAUL said the NSA officials' policy not to disseminate those facts to 1.3 million NSA rank-and-filers was based on two things.

"We didn't want individual members traveling abroad to feel beholden to whatever the U. S. official views and policies might be," he said. "We wanted them to feel free to express their own views."

"At the same time, we knew it would tranish our image generally if the Communists learned we had CIA backing. People might have thought we were spies sent to gather intelligence.

"But students are not profes-

sionally capable of being spies," he added.

RAMPARTS Magazine, which first publicized the CIA-NSA link in its March issue, charged Wednesday that the CIA used the NSA as a spy network to gather anti-Communist intelligence abroad.

Shaul, a former Rhodes Scholar, disputed the charge, describing the student group's arrangement with CIA as only one of funding.

WASHINGTON sources disclosed Wednesday that other student organizations had been supplied with CIA money. Among them were the U. S. Youth Council in New York; the World Assembly of Youth in Brussels, Belgium, and the International Student Conference in Leiden, the Netherlands.

"Those student groups will be totally discredited, said Shaul, "but other organizations will replace them. The CIA will be more discreet in the future."

Shaul, 28, of 202 Twin Oaks rd., headed NSA in 1962-63, when the CIA, through "dummy" foundations, supplied NSA with \$200,000.